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CAUSE NO. 22-CV-0675

SALT & PEPPER RESTAURANTS, INC.	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT
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Plaintiff/Garnishor,	§	
	§	
vs.	§	
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TIGHT ENDS SPORTS BAR & GRILL, LLC	§	
and TIMOTHY DUNGAN	§	
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Defendants,	§	GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS
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vs.	8	
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Garnishee.	§	56th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL ANSWER TO DEFENDANT'S COUNTERCLAIM

Plaintiff Salt & Pepper Restaurants, Inc. ("*Plaintiff*") files this Original Answer to Defendant Tight Ends Sports Bar & Grill, LLC's ("*Tight Ends*") Original Counterclaim and, in support thereof, respectfully shows as follows:

I. GENERAL DENIAL

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 92, Plaintiff generally denies each and every material allegation contained in Defendant Tight Ends' Counterclaim, along with any amendment or supplement thereto, and states said allegations are not true in whole or in part, and further demand strict proof thereof in accordance with Texas law.

II. AFFIRMATIVE AND OTHER DEFENSES

Pleading further, and in the alternative, without waving the foregoing, Tight Ends' counterclaims are barred in whole or in part by Tight Ends' failure to comply with terms of the applicable lease.

Pleading further, and in the alternative, without waving the foregoing, Tight Ends' counterclaims are barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of estoppel.

Pleading further, and in the alternative, without waving the foregoing, Tight Ends' counterclaims are barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of waiver.

Pleading further, and in the alternative, without waving the foregoing, Tight Ends' counterclaims are barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of unclean hands.

Pleading further, and in the alternative, without waving the foregoing, Tight Ends' counterclaims are barred in whole or in part by laches.

Pleading further, and in the alternative, without waving the foregoing, Tight Ends' counterclaims are barred in whole or in part by Tight Ends' prior material breach of the applicable lease.

Pleading further, and in the alternative, without waving the foregoing, Tight Ends' counterclaims are barred in whole or in part by the applicable statute of limitations.

Pleading further, and in the alternative, without waving the foregoing, Tight Ends' counterclaims are barred in whole or in part by Tight Ends' failure to comply with all conditions precedent, including (without limitation) failure to comply with the notice requirement under Paragraph 14.08 of the lease agreement.

PRAYER

For these reasons, Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court enter a judgment that Tight Ends take nothing on its counterclaims and award any other relief at law or in equity to which Plaintiff may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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